

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Quick Facts

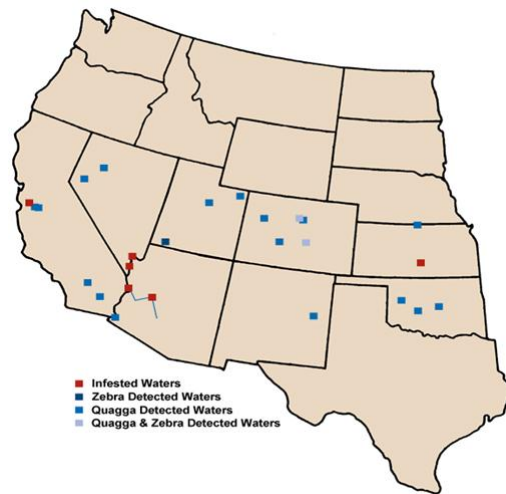
Quagga and zebra mussels arrived in the United States from Europe in the 1980s and spread to many eastern waterways, rivers and lakes. Quagga mussels were discovered in Lake Mead, Lake Mojave and Lake Havasu on the Colorado River in January 2007. Zebra mussels were confirmed to be present in Pueblo Reservoir in Colorado and San Justo Reservoir in California in January 2008.

These mussels spread in numerous ways, mainly by floating in the currents of the water body or by "hitching" a ride on a boat or other water vessels that are used in infested water and then transported to another water body.

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## Invasive Mussels – Reclamation

Map showing mussels in the 17 western states



Lake Mead – Basketball shoe



Lake Mead – Sandal



Lake Mead – Boat propeller



Lake Mead – CD